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SUBJECT: CHINESE COMMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH INDIA

1. ITALIAN DCM LO-PRINZI HAS INFORMED US OF JULY 23 CONVERSATION WITH EUROPEAN OFFICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR CHI TSUNG-HUA WHICH CHI DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO SEEKING LO-PRINZI'S ASSESSMENT OF SOUTH ASIAN SITUATION (LO-PRINZI SERVED IN DELHI AND HEADED ASIAN BUREAU).

2. LO-PRINZI REPORTS THAT, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, CHI MENTIONED CONDITIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS. SHE SAID ONE WAS THAT INDIA CEASE PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS SUCH AS THOSE TAKEN IN SIKKIM. CHI SAID PRC WAS CONCERNED THAT INDIA MIGHT ATTEMPT TAKEOVER OF BHUTAN. (ITALIAN DISCOUNTED POSSIBLE GOI ACTION AGAINST BHUTAN). INDIA ALSO, CHI SAID, MUST ADOPT MORE "INDEPENDENT" POSTURE, INCLUDING CLOSER RELATIONS WITH UNITED
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USSR. LO-PRINZI ASKED CHI HOW LONG PRC WOULD HAVE TO WAIT FOR INDICATION OF SATISFACTORILY INDEPENDENT GOI POSTURE. CHI RESPONDED THAT PROCESS WOULD BE WELL UNDERWAY BY 1976. IN SUCH NEW CIRCUMSTANCES, CHI SAID, CHINA WOULD BE READY TO NEGOTIATE FULL RESOLUTION OF BORDER QUESTIONS. (THEY DID NOT DISCUSS TIMING OF EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS.)

3. LO-PRINZI INFERRED FROM TALK THAT CHINESE NOW PREFER MME. GHANDI, WHATEVER HER FAULTS, TO ANY VISIBLE ALTERNATIVE.
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